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Klondike Gold Rush Welcomes Fourth Grade Students through Every Kid In A Park Initiative

New National Program Encourages Families and Classes to Visit National Parks

Seattle – Klondike Gold Rush National Historical Park invites all 4th grade students to visit the park as part of the White House's new Every Kid in a Park initiative. Fourth grade students across the country can visit www.everykidinapark.gov to complete an activity and earn a free annual entry pass to more than 2,000 federal recreation areas, including national parks.

"During the National Park Service's centennial celebration, we want everyone to get to know their national parks, and we're offering a special invitation to fourth graders and their families to discover everything that national parks offer," said National Park Service Director Jonathan B. Jarvis.

"Klondike-Seattle is a great place for kids and families to explore our city's historic role in the last great gold rush together and also learn about public lands in their area," said Ranger Julie Fonseca de Borges. The park in Pioneer Square hosts hundreds of students each year through its education programming, and encourages visitors of all ages to get out and explore the outdoors.

To receive their free national parks pass, fourth graders can visit the [Every Kid in a Park website](http://www.everykidinapark.gov) and play an online game. When they have finished the game, fourth graders will be able to access their free pass, and they and their families can then use this pass for free entry to national parks and other federal public lands and waters across the country through August 31, 2016. The website also includes fun and engaging learning activities aligned to educational standards, trip planning tools, safety and packing tips and other important and helpful information for educators and parents.

The goal of the Every Kid in a Park program is to connect fourth graders with the great outdoors and inspire them to become future environmental stewards, ready to preserve and protect national parks and other public lands for years to come. The program is an important part of the National Park Service's centennial celebration in 2016, which encourages everyone to Find Your Park.

Every Kid in a Park is an administrative-wide effort, launched by President Obama, and supported by eight federal agencies: National Park Service, Army Corps of Engineers, Bureau of

Land Management, Bureau of Reclamation, Department of Education, Fish and Wildlife Service, Forest Service, and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

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